Number of IAS officers suspended during the year 1987

1222. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of IAS officers and other officers of Central services suspended during the year 1987 State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the names and number of IAS and other officers of Central services who have been reinstated in their jobs; and

(c) the number of court cases pending against IAS and officers of Central services during the last year State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI team's visit to Sweden/Switzerland to investigate Bofors documents

1223. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a C.B.I. team had gone to Sweden and Switzerland during the month of July, 1988 to investigate the authenticity of Bofors documents published in the National Press which indicated that the commission has been paid in the Howitzer deal;

(b) if so, what are the names of the personnel, who led the delegation; and

(c) whether the team has submitted its reprot to Government and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Investigations into the material published by the 'Hindu' in June, 1988 are being carried out by the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax Deptt. and the CBI. Contacts with the concerned foreign authorities will be made by the investigative agencies, as necessary.

Brain-drain of technical personnel

1224. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Business Standard' dated May 9, 1988 under the caption "Brain drain from software units";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the US giant Microsoft placed advertisement in Indian journals for recruiting software personnel and some of the trained software personnel accepted the offer; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s Microsoft Corporation, USA informed the Department of Electronics, their intention to establish a Software Development Centre in India within 3 to 5 years. The Centre will employ software design engineers and support staff to design and develop software products for the Indian and Asian markets.